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Federal Subsistence Board Acts on Proposals to Change Federal Subsistence Fisheries Regulations

The Federal Subsistence Board met January 21–23, 2015 at the Dena'ina Convention Center in Anchorage to take action on proposed changes to Federal subsistence fishing regulations. The actions taken by the Board include:

Statewide

- Added a definition of “hooks” to allow with or without barbs.

Kuskokwim Area

- Added dipnets as an authorized gear type for the harvest of salmon.

Cook Inlet Area

- Authorized the use of a single gillnet by the community of Ninilchik on the Kenai River after the submission of an operation plan and approval by the in-season fisheries manager and the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge Manager.
- Authorized the use of a single gillnet by the community of Ninilchik on the Kasilof River after the submission of an operation plan and approval by the in-season fisheries manager and the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge Manager. This will be an experimental fishery that will expire five years after issuance of the first operation plan.

Southeast Alaska Area

- Closed Federal public waters to non-Federally qualified users in the Makhnati Island area to the harvest of herring and herring spawn.
- Required that nets be checked twice a day on the Stikine River; eliminated the subsistence sockeye salmon annual guideline harvest level on the Stikine River pending consideration by the Transboundary River Panel and the Pacific Salmon Commission.
- Closed the Klawock River drainage to the use of seines and gillnets during the months of July and August.

The new regulations take effect April 1, 2015 and will be published in the 2015-2017 Federal subsistence fishing regulations book, which will be available statewide in late March. The regulations also will be posted on the Federal Subsistence Management Program website, www.doi.gov/subsistence/index.cfm.

Additional information on the Federal Subsistence Management Program can be found at www.doi.gov/subsistence/index.cfm or www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska

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